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人の手で創られし〈代わり〉の身体・メリクロンは是か非か
その思いに縛られる者たちの運命は…？
リリックなヒューマン・ミステリー、完結!!

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◆The Story◆ Louie is a young man who creates menclones, replacement bodies which duplicate the appearance and memories of a person. Nanako lives with Louie and witnesses his work. Although she received a menclone from him, she cannot accept them. Amidst this, a man named Sion appears and calls Louie his brother. Then Nanako finds a picture of a woman who looks exactly like her in Louie's room. What happened in Louie's past, and what's his reason for creating menclones...?

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GOOD, SHE'S READY...
ALINA...

I've missed you...
Alina...
ALINA...!!

HA??
THE HELL—
THAT DREAM AGAIN—

So I fainted back then...
Oh...
DID YOU CARRY ME HERE...?
.....

ドサッ
ドサッ!!
ん……

Yaaawn
Rub
HM?
.....

Louie !!!
O... oh!! I just fell asleep right here...!!
SHAKE
SHAKE

That's right,
maybe Louie's calmed down already..
Wh... what now!?
I'll pretend I'm sleeping
Squint
Hm...?
Ah...
The sunlight on his eyelashes...

UH!!
WHAT!?
You knew I was awake!!?
JUMP
SO, I'M GOING OUT FOR A BIT.
OH... OK, SEE YOU LATER.
.....
is pretty...
PEEPING TOM.
IT'S NOT WHAT IT SEEMS!!
IT—

FIRST
Hey!
HOLD IT!
...WHY EXACTLY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?
kaa
kaa
Hm? People are staring at us...
Aren't you afraid you'll faint again or something?
BECAUSE YOU HAD A FIT YESTERDAY.
...THAT ISN'T YOUR PROBLEM, IS IT...?
WELL, YEAH!
BUT STILL...

I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU!!
.....
?
WH—
WHAT IS IT?
Cafe
NO...
I JUST NEVER THOUGHT I'D HEAR THOSE WORDS COMING OUT OF YOUR MOUTH...
Aren't you always hostile towards me?
O-of course not!
GIVE ME A BREAK! YOU'RE ALWAYS SO COLD TO EVERYONE...
ALSO...

AH...
What's wrong? You look pale.
TH...? WHAT?
HUH?

I WAS THINKING HOW LONG IT'S BEEN
SINCE ANYONE'S SAID TH...
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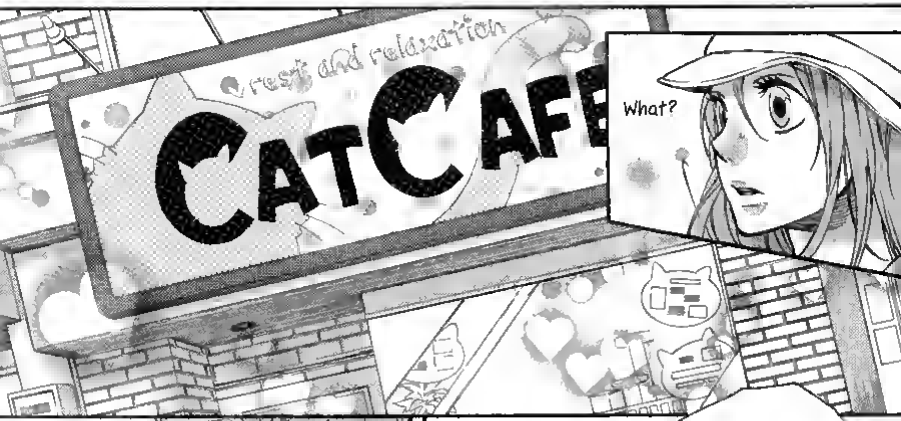
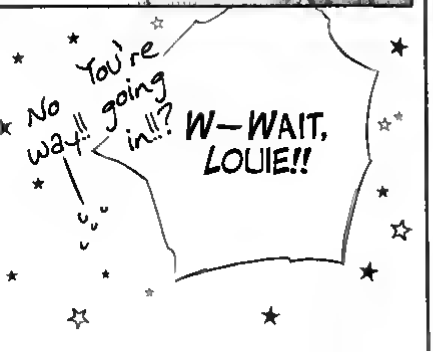

rest and relaxation
CAT CAFE
What?

Hm?


No way!!
You're going in!!?
W—WAIT, LOUIE!!

STEP
Huh, I didn't know there was one here ~!!
OH!! A CAT CAFE!!

What the...?
Huh...
I'M NOT SCARY.. NOT SCARY...
I'M
SEE?
HSS
HSS
HSS
HSS
HSS
HSS
HSS
HSS
NOOOOO!
SWIPE
SWIPE
Wh... what's with these cats...!?
They aren't cuddly at all!!
Uhhh...
owww...
THEY MUST BE TEARING LOUIE TO SHREDS BY NOW..
IF THEY'RE DOING THIS TO ME,

Huh—!!?
SWIPE
mew
♡
ANIMALS REALLY CAN TELL...
.....
WHAT, YOU MEAN THEY CAN TELL WHO THE NICE ONES ARE!?
What's happening right now just completely killed that theory
THE LONELY ONES
MY NOW, HE IS THE POPULAR ONE.
.....
YEAH..
Why ...!?

He seems lonely ...?
HUH?
I'M SORRY FOR SAYING THAT! YOU'RE HIS GIRLFRIEND, AFTER ALL
OH!
OH? REALLY?
NO! UM! WE AREN'T LIKE THAT ...!!
Does he seem lonely...?
FOR SOME REASON, HE SEEMS REALLY LONELY...

HA HA...
HEY... HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN ON WANDERING AROUND LIKE THIS...?
...AS LONG AS I WANT.
ANYWAY, WHY'RE YOU FOLLOWING ME AROUND?
THE PEOPLE ARE LIKE BITS OF TRASH.
.....
He He He
Poke Poke
I'm just too pretty
DON'T TELL ME YOU FELL FOR ME AFTER SEEING ME NUDE?
WHAT!?

Huh? It's black...
Oh, you have to put money in.
Is he lonely...?
Are you stupid!?
And what're you calling yourself pretty for!?
Idiot!
I DIDN'T FALL FOR YOU!!!
BUT YOU WERE JUST STAAARING, WEREN'T YOU?
I—I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING! It was just a peek!!!

YOU KILLED HER...

But——...

I always thaught he was a bad guy

and i dan't understand what he's thinking...

The girl he loved...?
For what reason?
I WON'T LET YOU CALL IT AN ACCIDENT.
Was it...
Why...?
an accident...?
So is he trying to make a mericlone of her now...?
AH!
FOUND A GROUP IN BLACK...
HUH? WHAT?
Black?
YUP, A FUNERAL.
LOTS OF PEOPLE. MAYBE IT'S FOR A CELEBRITY?

HEY, LOUIE.
.....
WHAT A WASTE... I COULD'VE MADE A MERICLONE FOR HIM...
WHY DO YOU MAKE MERICLONES ...?

WELL..
HAVE YOU EVER LOST SOMEONE YOU LOVED...?
AND IF THAT PERSON DIED BECAUSE OF YOU...
AND YOU SNATCHED AWAY THEIR FUTURE..
WOULDN'T YOU CONSIDER IT?

IN ORDER TO BRING HER BACK...
WOULDN'T YOU CONSIDER BECOMING A DEMON...?

I SEEM LIKE ONE, DON'T I?
...THEN YOU AREN'T A GOD...?
PROOF THAT I CAN CREATE PERFECT MERICLONES...
HUH...?
I NEED PROOF.
PROOF?

I WAS JUST TOLD TO PROVE IT.
THEY ARE.
WAIT.. THEY AREN'T PERFECT?
100 OF THEM...
IF I CAN SUCCESSFULLY CREATE 100 OF THEM,
IT'LL STAND AS PROOF.
I'M ALMOST AT 100..
IN THE BEGINNING THEY WERE ALL FAILURES,
BUT... I MANAGED IT.

WHEN I GET THERE,
I'LL BE ALLOWED TO BRING HER BACK.
YEAH, SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
...AH.
MAYBE I SAID TOO MUCH?
...THE HELL...
WAIT..
THEN YOU MEAN..
THEY WERE ALL EXPERI-MENTS..?

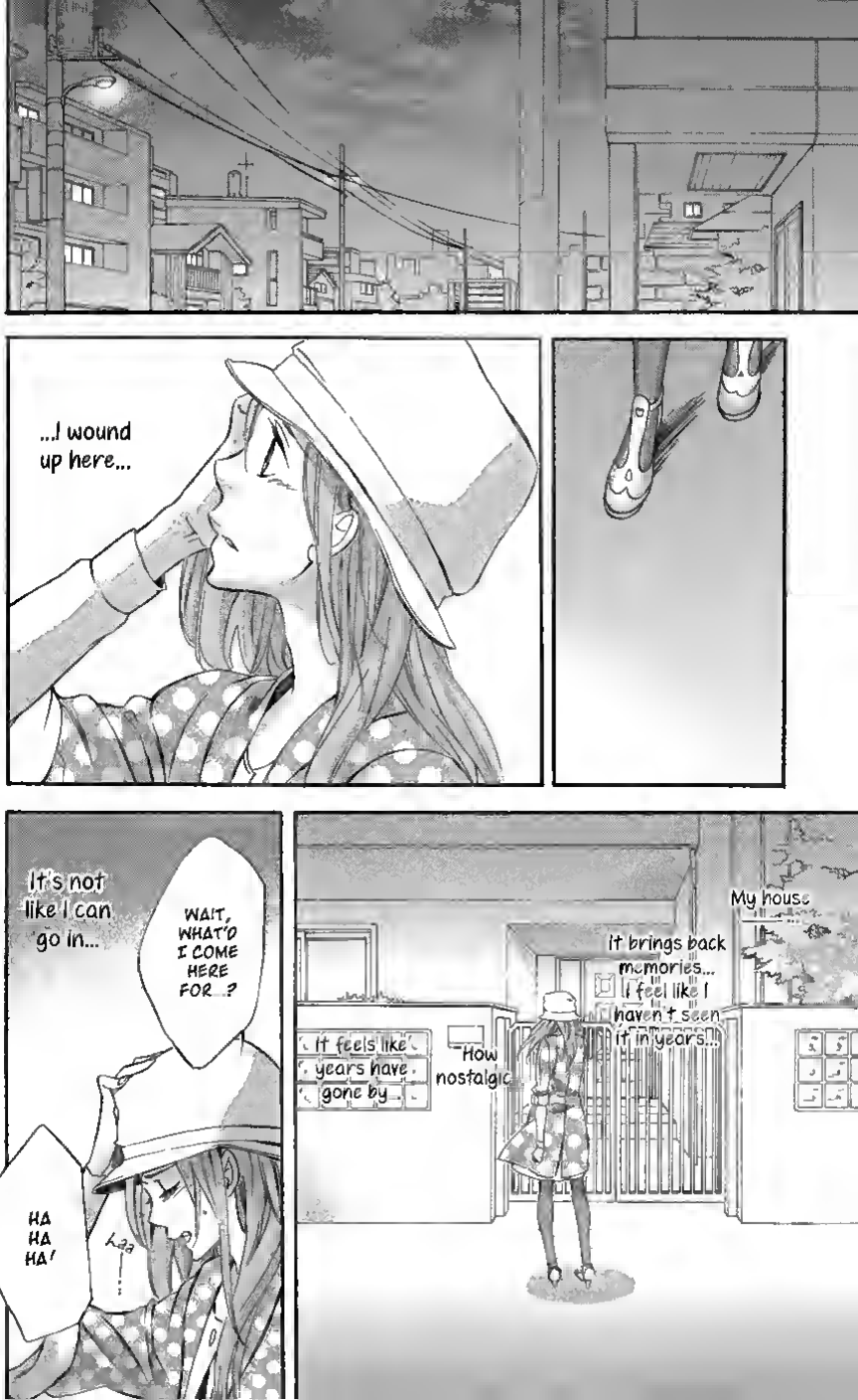
GOING THAT FAR...
I DON'T THINK IT'D MAKE HER HAPPY...!
MAYBE NOT
DON'T GIVE ME THAT! WHY DID YOU...!?
.....
WHY..?
CHATTER
WHAT?
WHISPER
OH MY!

IF YOU THINK THAT ANYTHING YOU SAY WILL MAKE ME STOP,
ARE YOU THINKING OF STOPPING ME?
GIVE UP NOW.
HEARING THAT COMING FROM YOUR FACE PISSES ME OFF.
IF YOU'RE JUST GOING TO KEEP ON PREACHING TO ME, ENOUGH ALREADY.

IF THIS IS HOW YOU'RE GOING TO BE, I DON'T NEED YOU.
I DON'T WANT YOU.

I don't mean anything to him...
I'm not his girlfriend, not even his friend...
That's right...
I'm just one of his mericlone clients...
It's because I looked like her.
Because I looked like his dead girlfriend...
UNTIL YOU FIND SOME PLACE TO GO,
WILL YOU STAY WITH ME?
That's all.

That's right...
He's so determined that he didn't even mind becoming a demon—...
As a result to save him he's lost once more...
As proof he can make mericlones...
There's no way I can stop him—...
Why...
does it hurt so much...
I knew that... I knew that, and yet...


...I wound up here...
It's not like I can go in...
WAIT, WHAT'D I COME HERE FOR...?
HA HA HA!
Aaa...
How nostalgic
It feels like years have gone by...
It brings back memories... I feel like I haven't seen it in years!...
My house

Peek
Just now...!
oh...

MOM...
Good...
She seems happier than before...
Ah...
It's me...

That's right...
Yeah...

This... isn't my home anymore...
NANAKO? WHAT'S WRONG?

SORRY! EXCUSE ME...!
NANAKO?
DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!!
Mericlones—— ...
They're another you, another someone else——— ...
RIINNN
CREAK...
OH, LOUIE! WELCOME HOME...

this warped story...

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Yeah...
That's right...

WHO'S OUT THERE?
This... isn't my home anymore ——...
HUH?

DASH
!!
YOU'RE ...
W... WAIT!
ARE-
ARE YOU OK!?
OWWW...
!!
FLOP

WH...
WHY...?

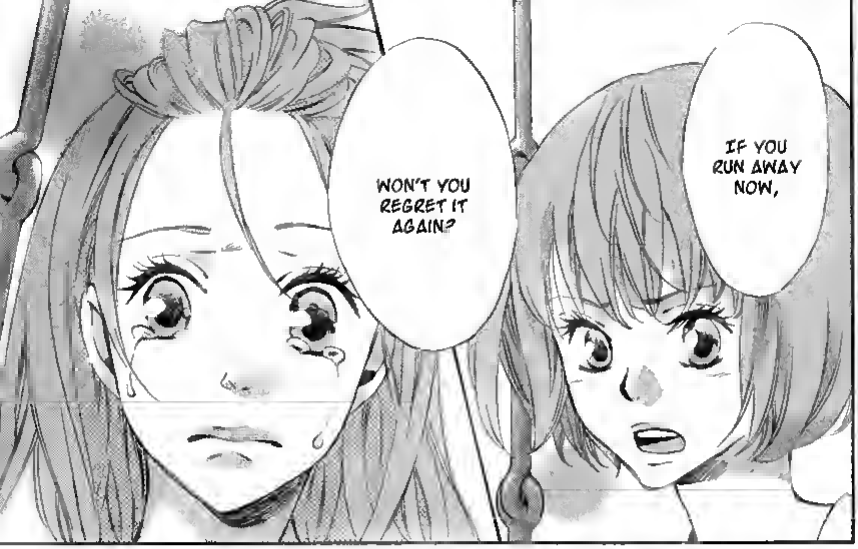
HAVE
HAVE YOU BEEN WELL ..?
ha ha ha
MM—...
I GUESS
WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR?
R— REALLY?
THAT'S GOOD—
ha.. ha ha ha

NO... WELL...
DO YOU WANT TO COME BACK?
HUH ...!?
CREAK...
CAN'T BE, RIGHT?
AFTER ALL THIS TIME.
CREAK-
SINCE YOU'RE THE ONE WHO THREW IT AWAY.
YOU FORCED IT ALL ONTO YOUR REPLACE-MENT
AND RAN AWAY..

...WELL, A LITTLE.
YOU RESENT ME, HUH..
BUT I'M ALSO GRATEFUL, YOU KNOW?
IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU THAT I WAS BORN.

WELL... IT WAS HARD AT THE BEGINNING, AND I DID BLAME YOU
I WAS BORN JUST TO BE A REPLACE-MENT...
SO WHAT DOES THAT MAKE ME?
BUT EVEN AS I HATED YOU AND SUFFERED THINKING OVER THAT...
EVEN AS I STRUGGLED, I REALIZED IT...
THAT MAYBE
THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE ALIVE ...?

Her expression... have I ever looked like that...?
MY MEMORIES WERE GIVEN TO ME, BUT...
ME LIVING RIGHT NOW,
THIS IS MY TIME.
SO!
CREAK...
YOU SHOULD STOP RUNNING AWAY, TOO
BECAUSE YOU REGRET THROWING IT ALL AWAY.
DIDN'T YOU TELL ME TO GO HOME, BACK THEN?
Squeak
Squeak

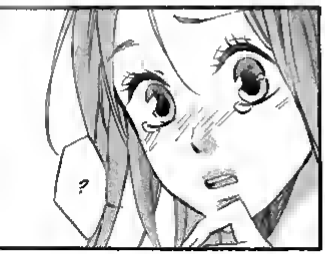


Even when I ran away, all I did was lose everything,

and nothing changed——…

I can't… run away anymore

RASH



!!
HUH!? WHAT!?
WH... WHAT'S WRONG...!?
AH... SORRY...

I'M FINE, REALLY
HOW ARE YOU FINE!? YOU'RE STUMBLING

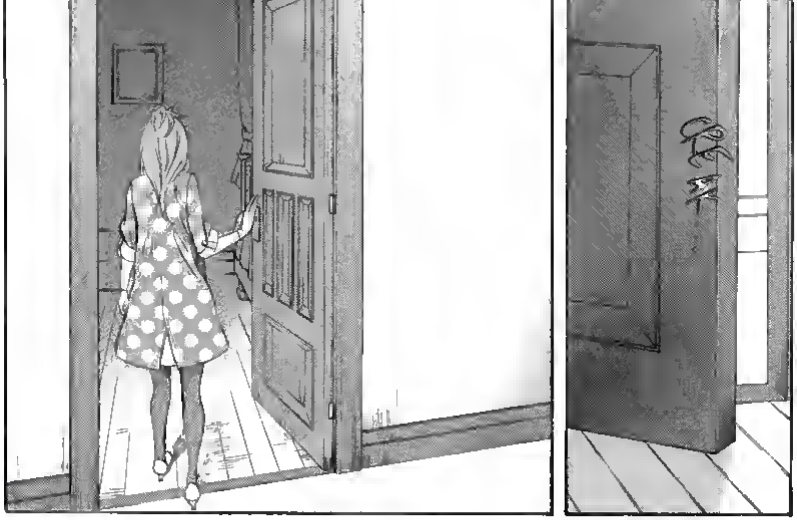
!!
NANAKO !!
I'M JUST LIGHT-HEADED.
THAT'S NO GOOD! EAT MEAT! MEAT! BONES TOO!!
WHAT!? BONES!?
NANAKO ...!!
WHERE DID YOU RUN OFF TO!? I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU!!
MOM...!!

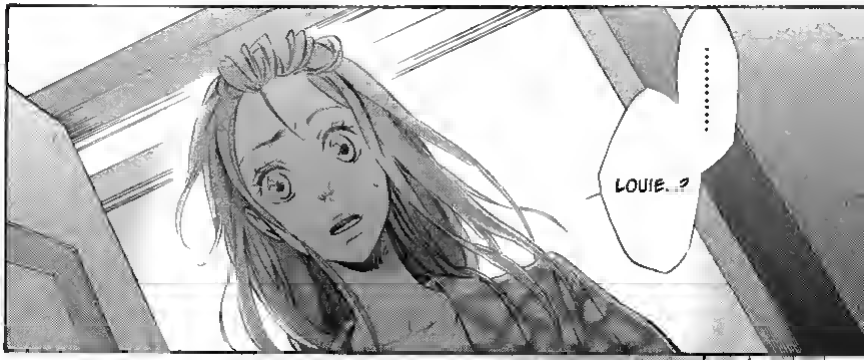
AH, SHE'S A FRIEND OF MINE! UM, FROM MY JOB!!
WHO ARE..?
Mom...!!
!
Nod

SEEYA, I'M HEADING HOME.
OH...
GOT IT...

HUH!?
HEY... THAT GIRL...
DO I KNOW HER...?
SEEYA...
LATER...
YEAH...
M... MUST BE YOUR IMAGINATION...?
I HAD A STRONG FEELING THAT I KNEW HER...
FOR SOME REASON,
I won't look back...

WHAT!?
LOUIE COLLAPSED AGAIN...
PERFECT TIMING!
WH- WHAT?
WHAT'S WRONG?
I won't look back onymore...
That's right.
HUH!?
DONUTS !?
I'M GOING OUT TO BUY DONUTS!!
I THINK HE NEEDS SOME FOOD...
Louie.....
HUH?
OH- GOT IT!!
Make sure he doesn't run off!
KEEP AN EYE ON LOUIE!
BYE, I'LL BE BACK SOON!
SIG!!
I'm really not needed here. Louie said as much...
CLICK
That said...
what do I do now...?

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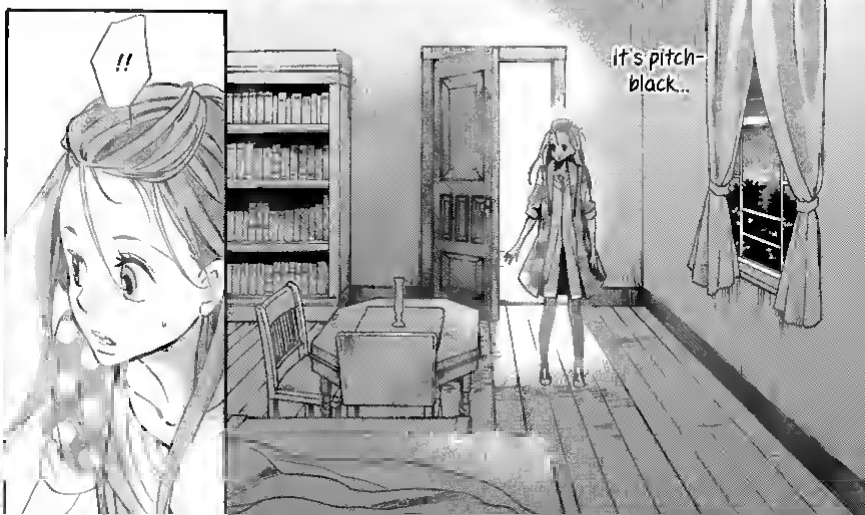
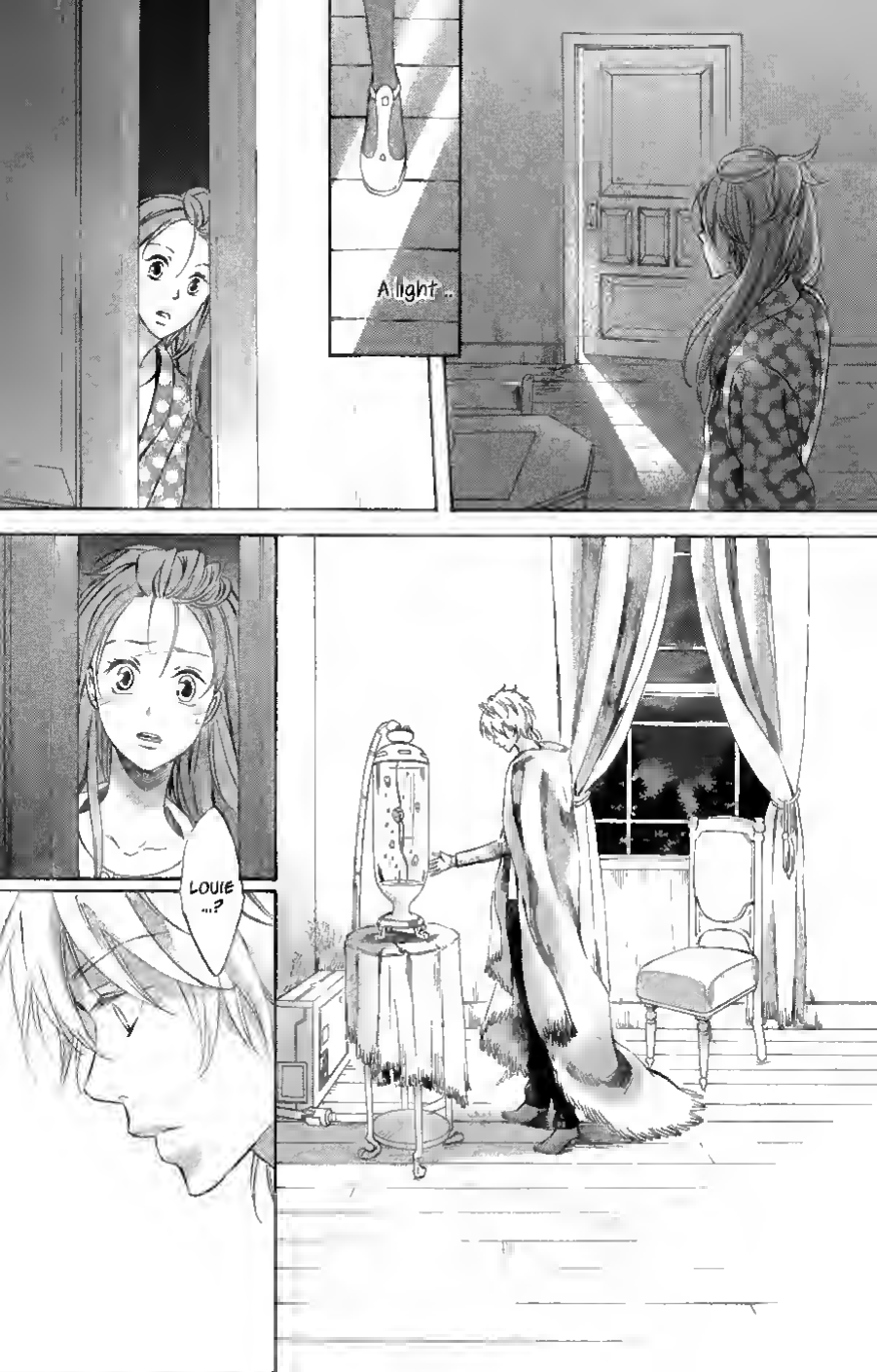
LOUIE..?


!!
it's pitch-black...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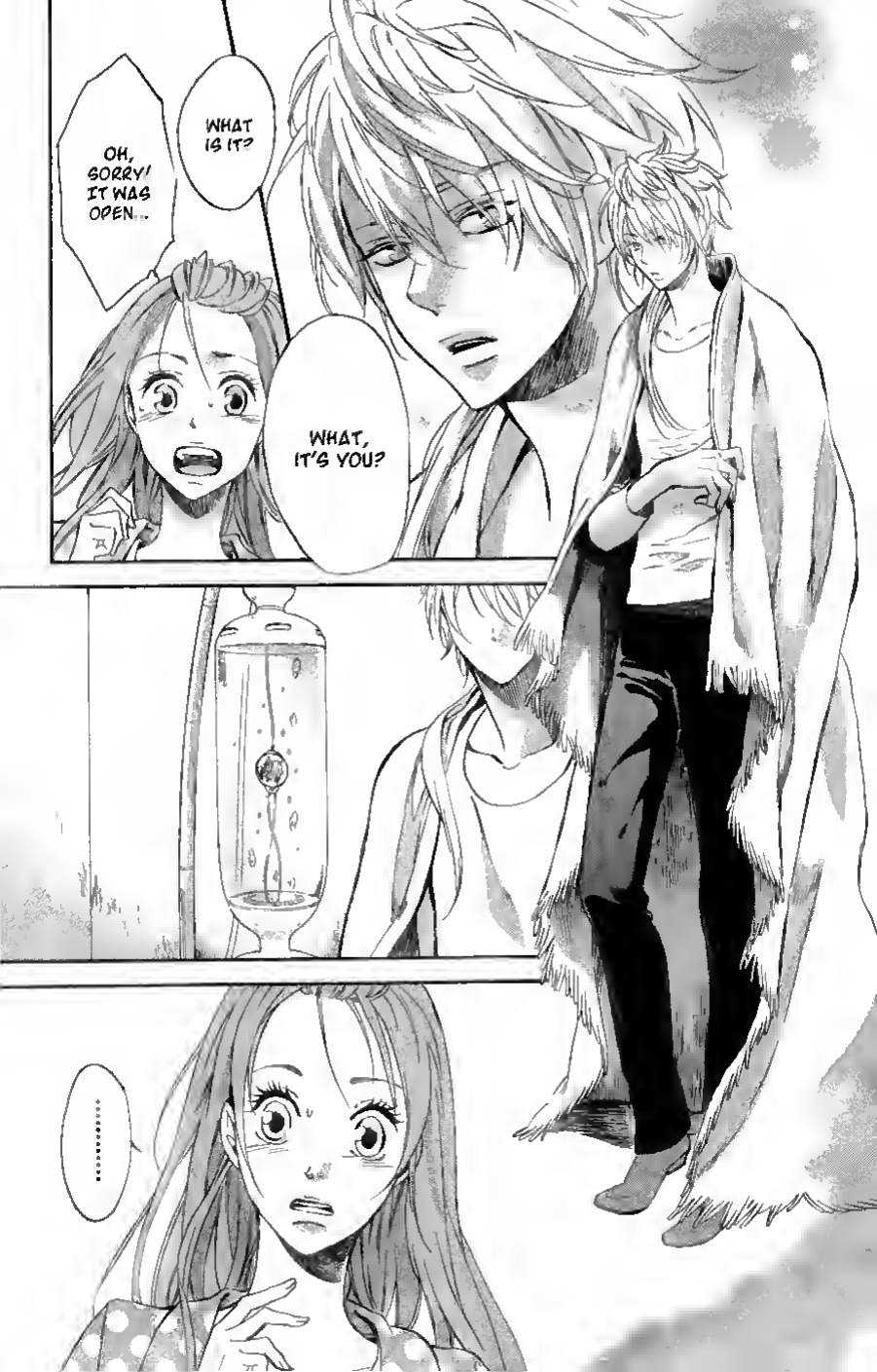
LOUIE ...?


OH, SORRY! IT WAS OPEN...
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT, IT'S YOU?
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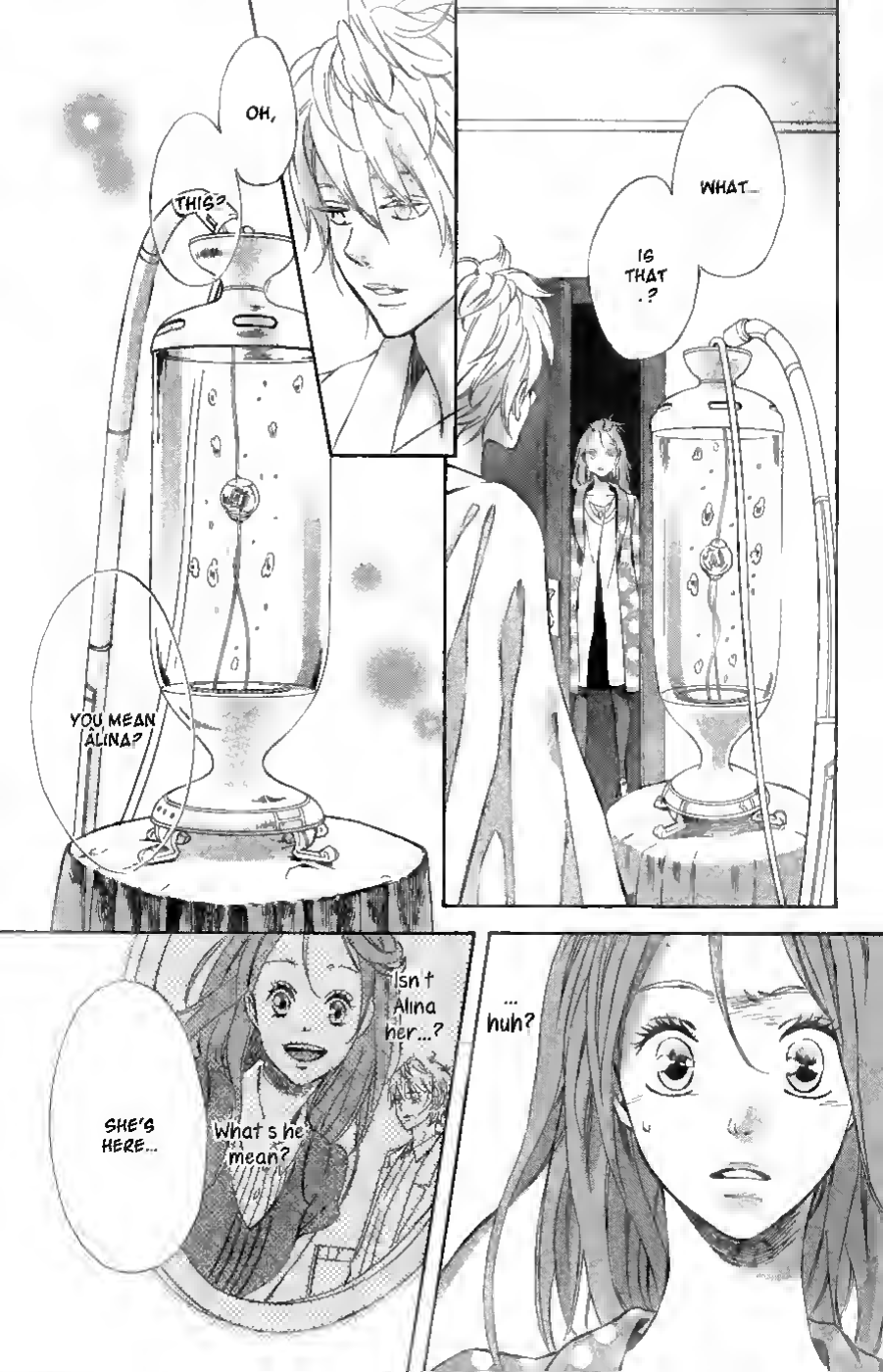
OH,
THIS?
YOU MEAN ALINA?
WHAT...
IS THAT..?
SHE'S HERE...
What's he mean?
Isn't Alina her...?
...
huh?

HER MEMORIES ARE IN HERE...
JUST HER MEMO-RIES...?
I DIDN'T TELL YOU.
HER BODY— ISN'T HERE...
"I NEED PROOF..."
!!
"IF I CAN SUCCESSFULLY CREATE 100 OF THEM,"
"IT'LL STAND AS PROOF..."

"WHEN I GET THERE, I'LL BE ALLOWED TO BRING HER BACK."
Bdmp
Bdmp
Bdmp
Bdmp
Bdmp
From where...?
Once he's proved himself, he'll get her body...?
With 100 mericlones...
Allowed...? Proof? For whom...?
.....
ANYWAY...

Hey!!
You scared me, jeez!
TOO CLOSE!!
SO WHY?
Aren't you ballsy...
WHY? UM
.....
Shock
WAH!!
Ieah...
WHY'D YOU COME BACK HERE?
I—I CAN'T JUST LEAVE THAT EASILY!!
I DON'T HAVE A FAMILY ANYMORE, YOU KNOW!?
OH, I GET IT.
IT'S TRUE, YOU CAN'T GO BACK TO YOUR HOUSE.
!!

I.. STOPPED BY MY HOME.
IT WAS PRETTY ROUGH.
ha ha.
YEAH..
TIME MOVED ON WITHOUT ME...
WITH ANOTHER "ME" THAT I DON'T KNOW...
I REALIZED THAT I REALLY DID
A TERRIBLE THING.

THE "ME" THAT DIDN'T RUN AWAY...
SHE HAD SUCH DETERMINED EYES,
NOT LIKE MINE..
EVEN IF YOU CALL HER A MERICLONE,
SHE REALLY ISN'T ANOTHER ME.
BUT...
I'M GLAD I WENT.
MY MERICLONE REALLY IS
LIVING HER OWN LIFE...

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IF NOT YOU, THEN WHO?
MERICLONES HAVE CLONED BODIES,
AND THEIR MEMORIES ARE COPIED, ALL BUT THE INCONVENIENT BITS.
THEY'RE NO DIFFERENT FROM THE ORIGINAL!
Louie...
Y- YEAH, BUT-
WHAT, DID YOU..
There really is
something different...

N...
COME HERE JUST TO FIGHT WITH ME?
NO...!!
I'M JUST...
ISN'T THAT DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO, OR THAT I WANT TO FIGHT WITH YOU...!
BUT THAT ASIDE, THE REASON I CAME BACK HERE.
B—
BUT I DO THINK THAT YOU SHOULDN'T MAKE MERI-CLONES...!

I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT YOU..!
TUG...
BECAUSE YOU'RE KIND OF FALLING APART...
YANK

YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT A GUY
WHO'D DO ALL THIS
JUST TO BRING BACK THE WOMAN HE LOVES?
ha ha
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
I LIVE
ONLY TO ATONE...
I DON'T NEED YOUR SYMPATHY OR COM-PASSION..

I JUST KEPT YOU AT MY SIDE ON A WHIM
I OFFERED YOU A MERI-CLONE ON THAT SAME WHIM.
YOU HAD OTHER WAYS OUT, DIDN'T YOU? YOU PROBABLY CONSIDERED THEM
I USED YOU.
FOR ONE OF THE TOO BODIES
TO PROVE I CAN MAKE MERI-CLONES.
UH!
!?
LOUIE!?

A-ARE YOU OK!?
kaa
kaa

I'M GOING TO STAY HERE UNTIL THE END...
WHAT LET GO
I... JUST DECIDED.
IF I DON'T, I WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE ON...
Until your wish is granted...

NANAKO... ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YEAH
THIS HAS BEEN HAPPENING A LOT LATELY, HASN'T IT...?
MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE YOU TO SEE THE DOCTOR AGAIN?
I SAID I'M FINE

I'll bear witness to it all...

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Clack
Clack
Clack
LOUIE!
GEEZ, WHERE DID YOU GO!?
Clack
Clack
Clack
YOU'VE STILL GOT A FEVER!!
He'll collapse again...
LOUIE!!

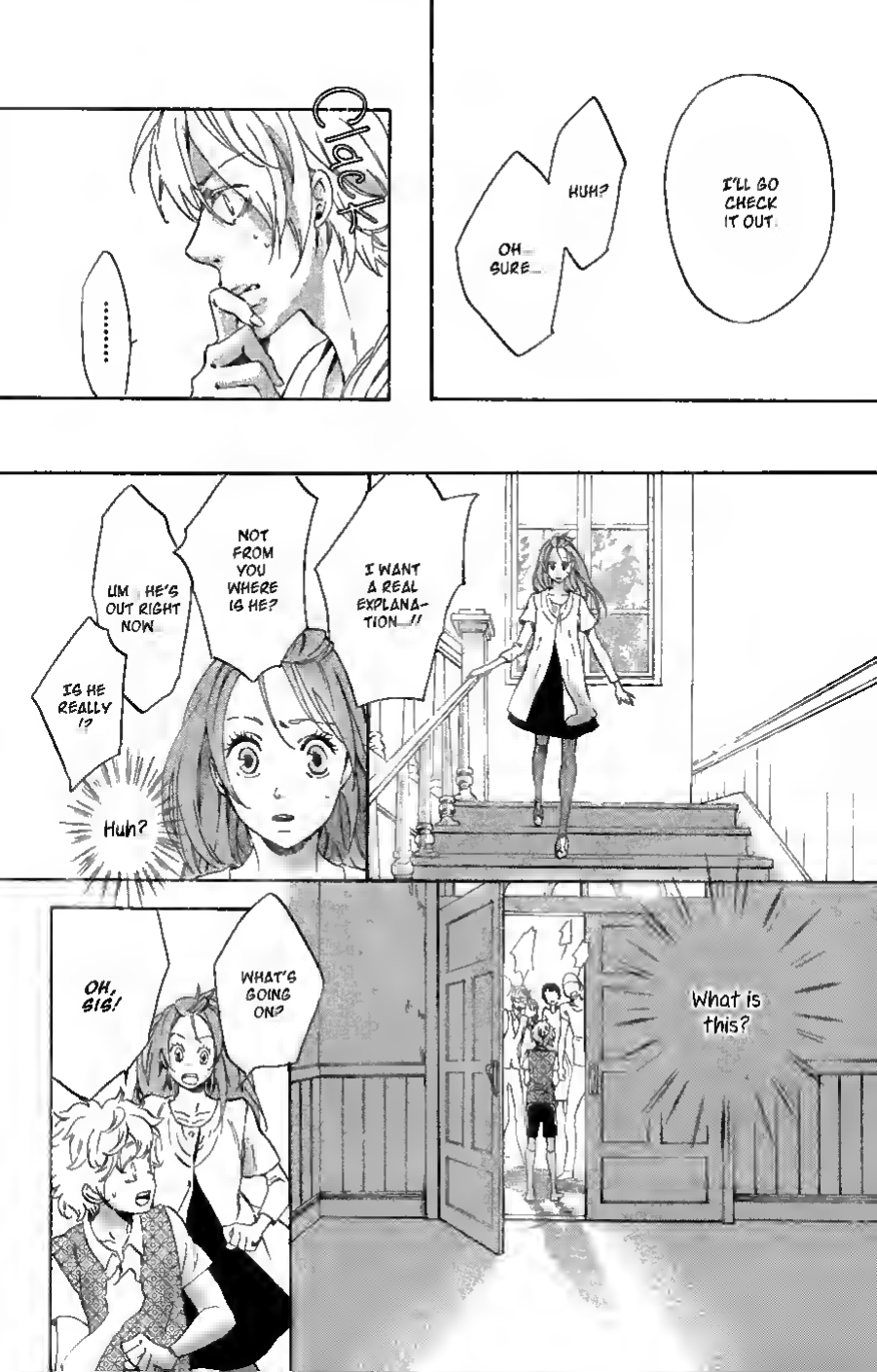
There he is...!!
LOUIE...!

crumble
crumble
LOUIE!!

WHAT'S WRONG?
haa
haa
haa
?

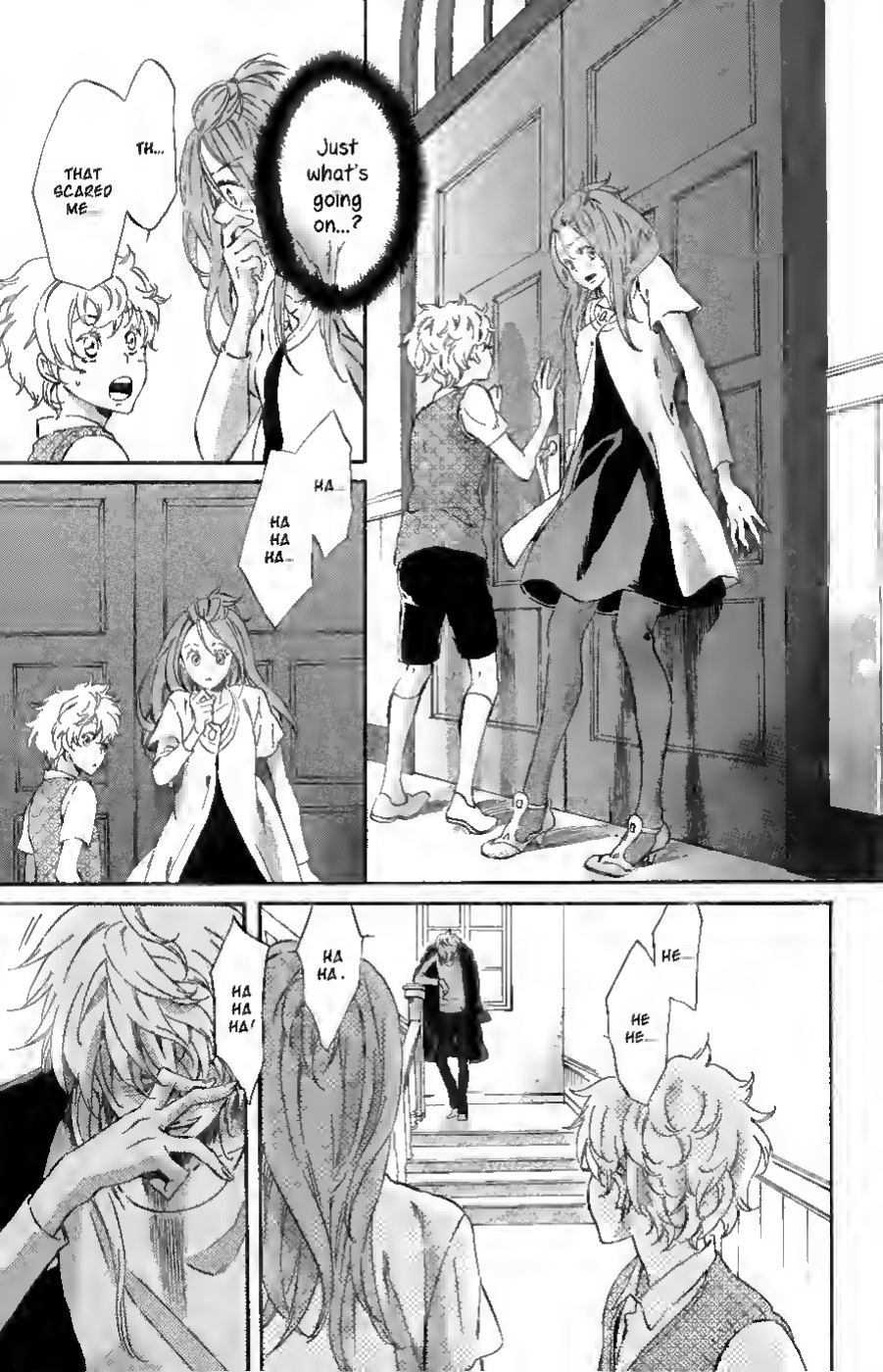
JUMP
EEP!
!?
Plop
SMush
Owww
HUH !!?
YOUR FACE WAS WEIRD
.....
pat pat pat
HEY, WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?

PHEW, I MUST'VE BEEN DREAMING
DREAM-ING!?
And you're heavy, get off!
Sigh—
MAN —— YOU REALLY WORRY ME
YOU KEEP COLLAPSING OUT OF NOWHERE
I don't know what to do
EAT MEAT! MEAT!! BONES TOO!
BONES TOO!?
MAYBE THERE'S A COLD GOING AROUND OR SOMETHING
A COLD?
MY MERICLONE DIDN'T LOOK SO GOOD, EITHER
!!
OH..
REALLY...
Ding dong
HM?
A CUSTOMER? AT THIS HOUR...?


I'LL GO CHECK IT OUT.
HUH?
OH... SURE...
Clack
.....
I WANT A REAL EXPLANATION...!!
NOT FROM YOU WHERE IS HE?
UM... HE'S OUT RIGHT NOW.
IS HE REALLY!?
Huh?
What is this?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
OH, SIS!

UM.
WHAT WERE YOU SAYING..?
DON'T GIVE ME THAT..!!
MY SON'S MERICLONE WON'T WAKE UP..!
HUH?
MY WIFE HAS A FEVER AND IT WON'T GO DOWN!!
MY BOYFRIEND... HE ISN'T WELL!
THE DOCTORS DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER..!
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON!?

SLAM
I'M SORRY, BUT PLEASE LEAVE FOR TODAY!!
I SWEAR WE'LL CONTACT YOU TOMOR-ROW...!
I'M NOT DONE!
WAIT!
I'LL MAKE SURE LOUIE KNOWS ABOUT ALL THIS!!
I...I UNDER-STAND YOUR CON-CERNS!!


TH...
THAT SCARED ME...
Just what's going on...?
HA...
HA HA HA...
HE...
HE HE...
HA HA.
HA HA HA!

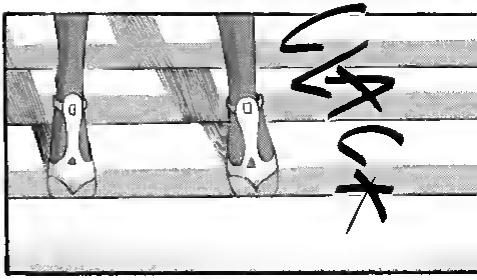
Ha ha ha ha ha ha
Louie...!?
he he
AND I'D GOTTEN SO CLOSE
I'M DONE FOR
I GOT SO FAR
WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT IT'D TURN OUT LIKE THIS
IT SEEMS THESE MERI-CLONES
WERE FAILURES TOO...

WH... WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?
"FAILURE" IS PRETTY SELF-EXPLANATORY
IF THEY'RE "FAILURES" ... WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THEM!?
WHAT WILL HAPPEN? WELL NOW...
IF YOU WANT EXAMPLES OF WHAT'S HAPPENED BEFORE...
SOME MERICLONES' MEMORIES GRADUALLY BROKE DOWN
UNTIL THEY BECAME EMPTY HUSKS
SOME FELL ASLEEP AND NEVER WOKE —
THE WORST OF THEM DIED JUST LIKE THAT
TH... THAT'S TERRIBLE
WAIT, DOES THAT MEAN...
That my mericlone will also...

NO, I WON'T FIX THEM.
WHAT!?
I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO DO DETAILED EXAMINATIONS ON EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM.
THE FLAWS ARE LIKELY FUNDAMENTAL ONES.
...DON'T KNOW I'D HAVE TO EXAMINE THEM.
TH-THEN THEY'LL BE FINE YOU'LL...
BUT... BUT YOU CAN FIX THEM, RIGHT...?
BUT I CAN GIVE THEM NEW ONES.

What?
What was with that look..?

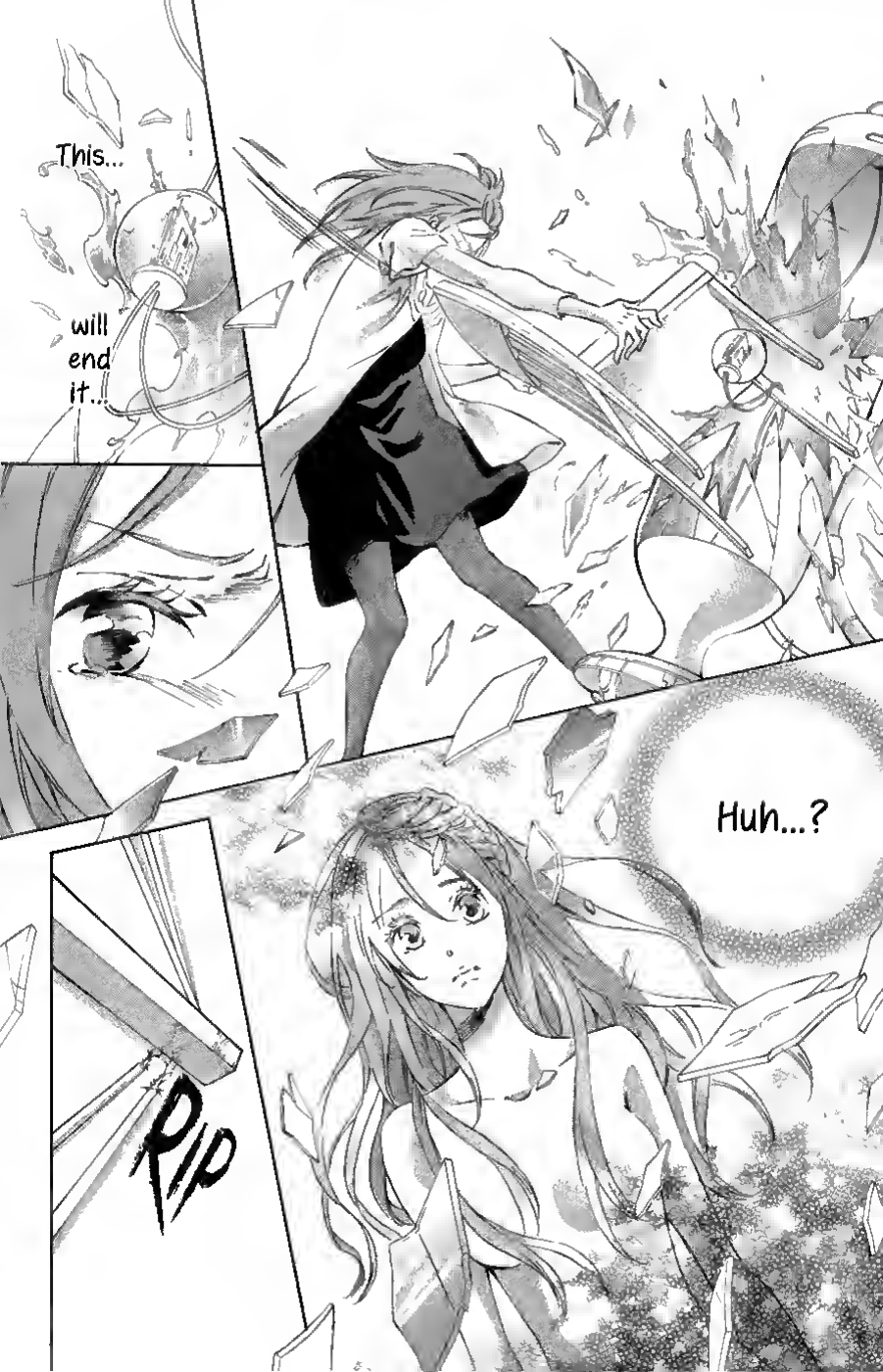
sis...


CLACK

What was that ...!?
What's with him!?
What a jerk!!
IT'S BECAUSE HE'S GOT THAT THING!
HE WON'T BUDGE..!
DASH
!?
SLAM

It's OK,
this'll
fix it.

This will end it...!!
"THIS IS ALINA."
"HER MEMORIES ARE IN HERE."
"I BECAME A DEMON..."
I have to do it.


This...
will end it...!
Huh...?
RIP

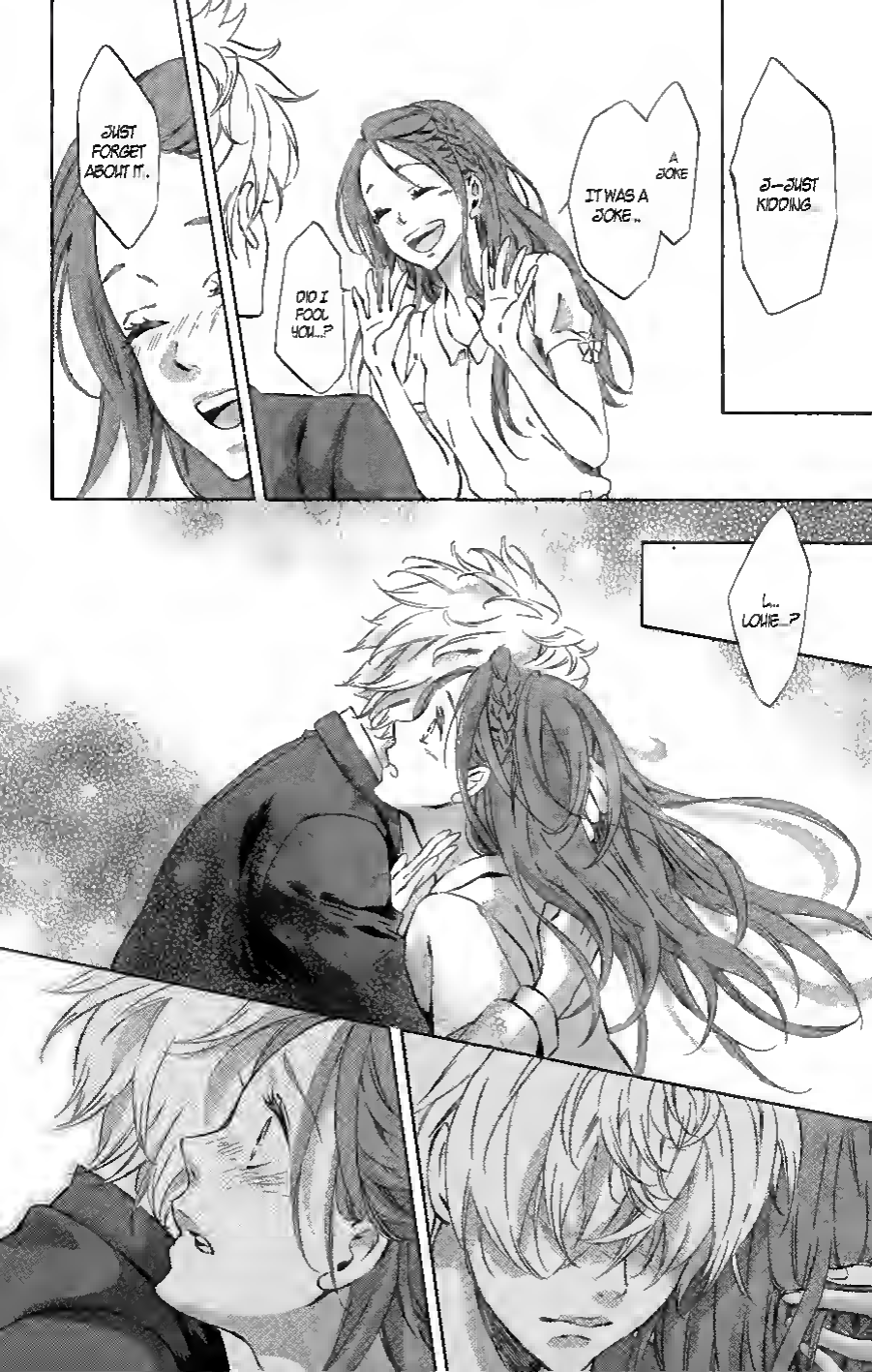
!!
What
was
that
?
...

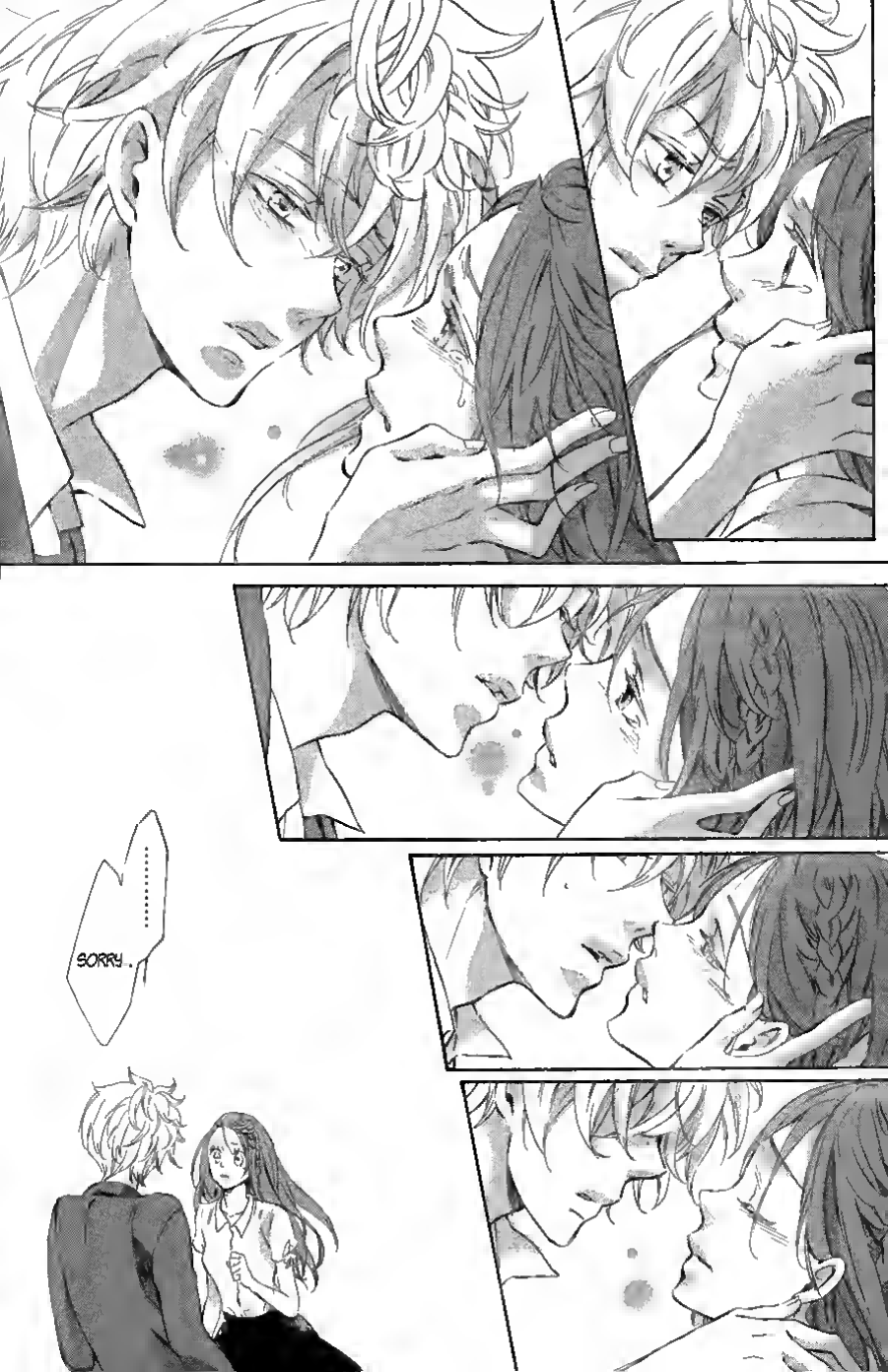
Pause.
AH !
SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT.
LOUIE. !!

NO, IT'S OK!
WHAT'S WRONG? TODAY'S....
HUH? YEAH, IT'S FOR YOUR DAD...
I MEAN, I HAVE TO GIVE THIS REPORT TO THE PROFESSOR.
SINCE I CAN'T ATTEND THE LECTURE TOMORROW...
PLINK
WHAT?
SO YOU DIDN'T COME TO SEE ME?
HA HA
AGAIN WITH THAT FAKE LAUGH OF YOURS.
TAP
TAP
IT'S NOT FAKE...
I'M JUST THINKING YOU SHOULDN'T SAY STUFF LIKE THAT...

BUT THAT'S JUST WHAT OUR PARENTS DECIDED, ISN'T IT?
SION'S A GOOD GUY
DON'T TELL ME THAT!!
YOU'RE SION'S FIANCÉE,
YOU KNOW?

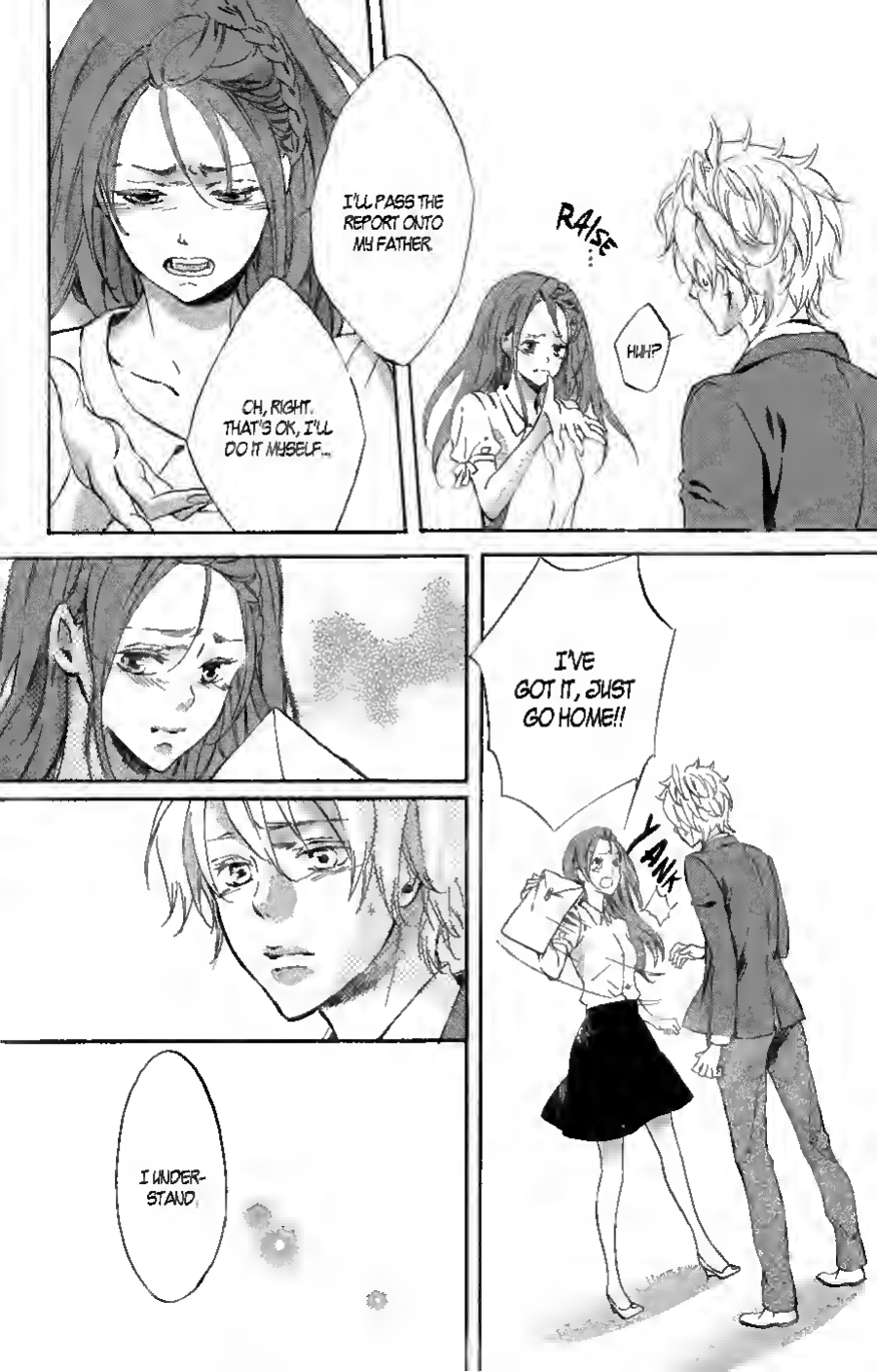
I..
THINK YOU'RE A GOOD GUY, LOUIE...
YOU KNOW,
DON'T YOU...!?
HEY, LOUIE..!!
I'LL THROW IT ALL AWAY...!!
MY HOME, MY FAMILY, MY FRIENDS..


J-JUST KIDDING
IT WAS A JOKE..
A JOKE
DID I FOOL YOU..?
JUST FORGET ABOUT IT..
L... LOVE..?


SORRY..

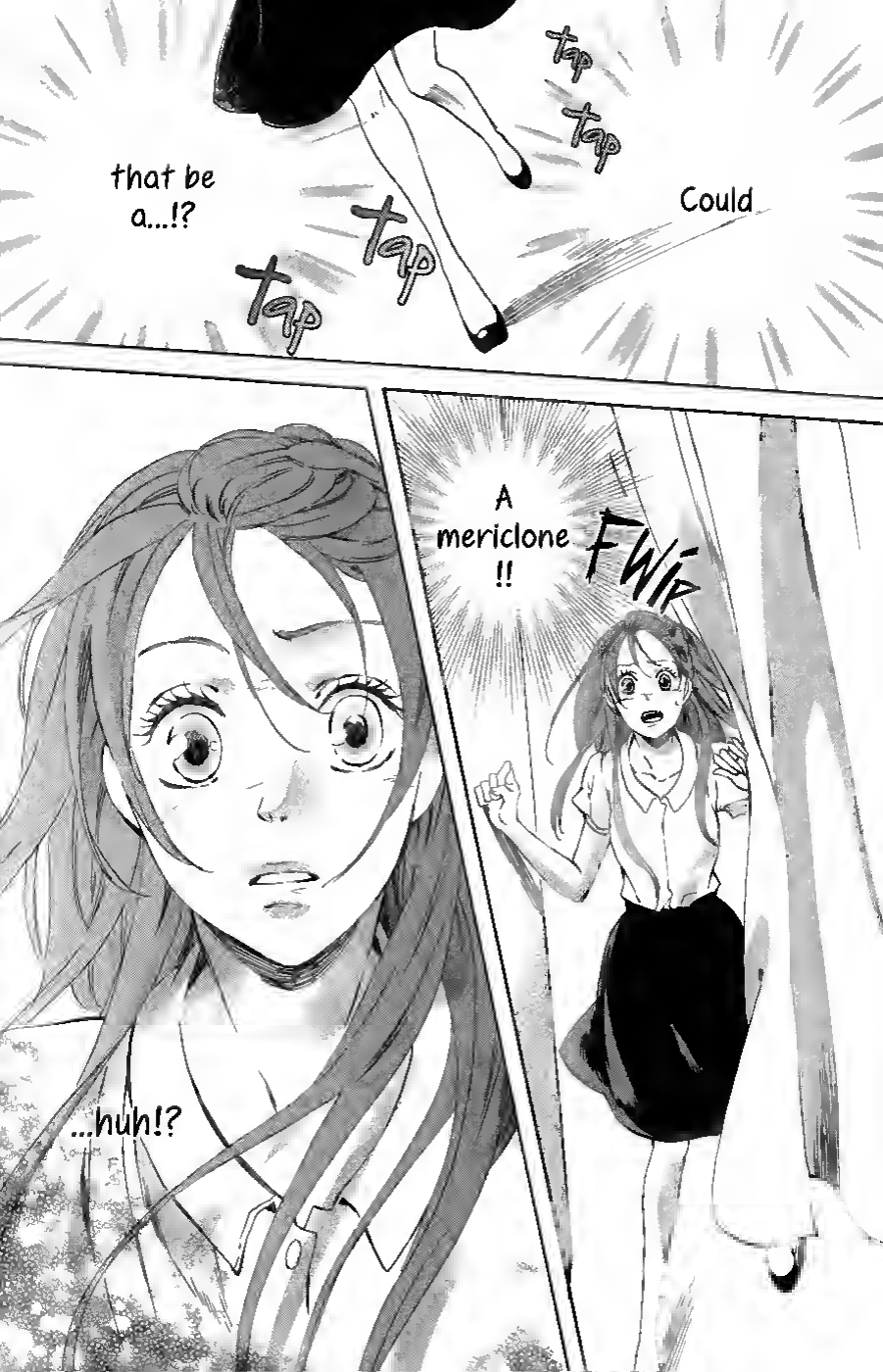
W...
WAIT..!!
I'VE GOT AN IDEA..!!
MAKE A MERICLONE OF ME!
NO.
SION WILL HAVE THE MERICLONE...
IF YOU DO THAT, I CAN BE WITH YOU, RIGHT?

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS.
A MERICLONE...
WHY NOT? I'M SERIOUS!
NO...
THEY'RE...
STILL IN THE EXPERIMENTAL PHASE.
PLUS...
TOYING WITH LIVES LIKE THAT...
IT'S NOT SOMETHING I WANT TO DO...


I'LL PASS THE REPORT ONTO MY FATHER.
OH, RIGHT. THAT'S OK, I'LL DO IT MYSELF...
RAISE...
HUH?
I'VE GOT IT, JUST GO HOME!!
YANK
I UNDER-STAND.

The hell... you're such an idiot, Louie...
Leaving things like this...
Are you OK with this, Louie?
You told me you liked me, too...
Knock knock
Or was that a lie, too...?

It's open
Huh?
DAD?
!?
...so he's out...?
!!
That's...


tap
tap
tap
tap
tap
that be a...!?
Could
A mericlone !!
FWIP
...huh!?

...why...?
Louie ...!?
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Why does Louie have a mericlone ——...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?
Sion...!
ALINA?

FWIP
ALINA! THAT'S...!!
!!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HIDE IT.
Huh...?
!?

YEAH. WE ARE BROTHERS, AFTER ALL.
SION... YOU KNEW..!?
THAT'S LOUIE'S MERICLONE, RIGHT?
Huh...?
LEAVING IT HERE, IT'S LIKE HE WAS ASKING YOU TO FIND IT...
BUT YOUR DAD WAS PRETTY CARELESS.
SION..!!
WHOOPS I JUST CAME TO SAY HI TO YOUR DAD, TOO.

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON?
OF COURSE YOU WANT TO KNOW...!
BECAUSE IT'S ABOUT YOUR DEAR FRIEND, HUH.
I CAN'T KEEP THE TRUTH
FROM MY FIANCÉE.

HIT YOU HARD, HUH?
WELL, I GUESS THAT'S TO BE EXPECTED...
Y... YOU'RE LYING...
IT'S TRUE.
LOUIE GREW ILL AND DIED AT THE AGE OF 13.
WELL, BUT...
IT'S NOT AS IF THAT WAS THE END OF HIM.

M... MY DAD!?
WHY...
YOUR FATHER.
SOMEONE CAME TO US WHO DESPERATELY WANTED TO MAKE LOUIE'S MERICLONE.
THAT'S EASY.
LOUIE WAS WHAT YOU'D CALL A CHILD PRODIGY
AT THE AGE OF 10, HE GRADUATED AT THE HEAD OF HIS CLASS FROM AN ELITE US UNIVERSITY.
YOUR FATHER'S PROPOSAL BECAME THEIR ONLY HOPE...
WHEN THEY WERE FACED WITH THE PROSPECT OF LOUIE'S DEATH, WELL...
MY MOM AND DAD HAD HUGE EXPECTATIONS FOR HIM

THUS THE FIRST LOUIE WAS BORN.
WAIT...
W...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, THE FIRST...?
ha ha
YEAH, HE BROKE RIGHT AWAY
I MEAN, THE TECHNOLOGY WAS STILL EX-PERIMENTAL..
IT WAS A GAMBLE.

AFTER MANY MORE WERE MADE,
AND IT GOT TO THE POINT WHERE THEY WERE MORE THAN JUST GUINEA PIGS.
THE CURRENT LOUIE WAS BORN.
THE LOUIE YOU KNOW.
YOU MET HIM AROUND WHEN HE WAS BORN.
THAT'S RIGHT, ALMOST THREE YEARS AGO NOW.
OF ALL THE MERICLONES TO DATE, HE'S HELD ON THE LONGEST.
HELD ON?
YES, HELD ON.

HIS LIFESPAN IS ALSO COMING TO AN END
OUR PREPARATIONS FOR HIS SIXTH BODY
ARE EVIDENCE OF THAT
WELL, THIS...
IS THE TRUTH OF HIM.

!
Dash
AUNA!!
IT'S NOTHING TO GET UPSET ABOUT.
AREN'T YOU GLAD TO KNOW THE TRUTH?
THAT ASIDE, DON'T BE LATE TOMORROW
TOMOR-ROW...?
YOU'RE AS FORGETFUL AS EVER, AUNA.
I'VE TOLD YOU THAT THE DINNER PARTY WHERE I INTRODUCE YOU TO EVERYONE IS IMPORTANT.

YOU'LL BE THERE, WON'T YOU? ALINA...

I'D HEARD THE RUMORS,
BUT YOU REALLY DO HAVE AN AMAZING GIRL.
IT'S TRUE!
SHE'S WASTED ON YOU, SION.
YOU'RE TERRIBLE, UNCLE.
LOUIE WILL GET A CUTE SISTER-IN-LAW, TOO!
AH, YES...

RIGHT, ALINA?
OH! YES.!
I'VE HEARD YOU'RE EXCELLENT ON THE PIANO?
HUH? OH, NO.
IT'S JUST A HOBBY.
EXCUSE ME
MY, ARE YOU OK?
I WONDER WHAT'S WRONG WITH LOUIE.
I HEARD HE'S BEEN IN POOR HEALTH.
CHATTER
OH WHERE ARE YOU GOING, ALINA?
AH... TO THE LADIES' ROOM.
EXCUSE ME.

Ha
Ha
LOUIE!!
There he is...!!

ALINA..!!
DON'T!!
TAP
LOUIE!!
STAY AWAY FROM ME..

I HEARD.
SION INFORMED ME
THAT HE TOLD YOU ALL ABOUT ME.
I'M GLAD HE DID. AFTER ALL, IT'S AGAINST THE RULES...
FOR ME TO TELL ANYONE THAT I'M A FAKE.
No way...
Louie... knew every-thing...?

YOU AND I WON'T WORK
SION'S A GOOD GUY.
To think how he must have been feeling...
HEY, LOWIE.
I SPENT ALL DAY YESTERDAY THINKING
ABOUT HOW THERE HAVE BEEN MANY OF YOU...

BUT... I CAN'T COME TO GRIPS WITH IT...
OR RATHER, AS I WAS THINKING ABOUT IT,
I REALIZED IT DOESN'T MATTER...
HUH?
Doesn't matter?
BECAUSE.
MY FEELINGS ARE REAL...!
ISN'T THAT ENOUGH!?
I LIKE YOU, LOUIE!
Yeah.
PAK
!!

WH... WHAT'RE YOU LAUGHING FOR!?
Ha ha ha
NO, YOU'RE JUST FUNNY..
FUNNY!? I'M BEING SERIOUS...!
YEAH.. I KNOW..
...YOU'RE RIGHT, IT DOESN'T MATTER
WHETHER I'M FAKE OR NOT..
These feelings—— ... are real—— ...
I LIKE YOU,
ALINA...

ALINA!!
ALINA!
Dad...!!
EVERYONE'S WAITING!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING!? COME BACK INSIDE!
This is the end, after all...
I know it's selfish, but will you hear me out...?

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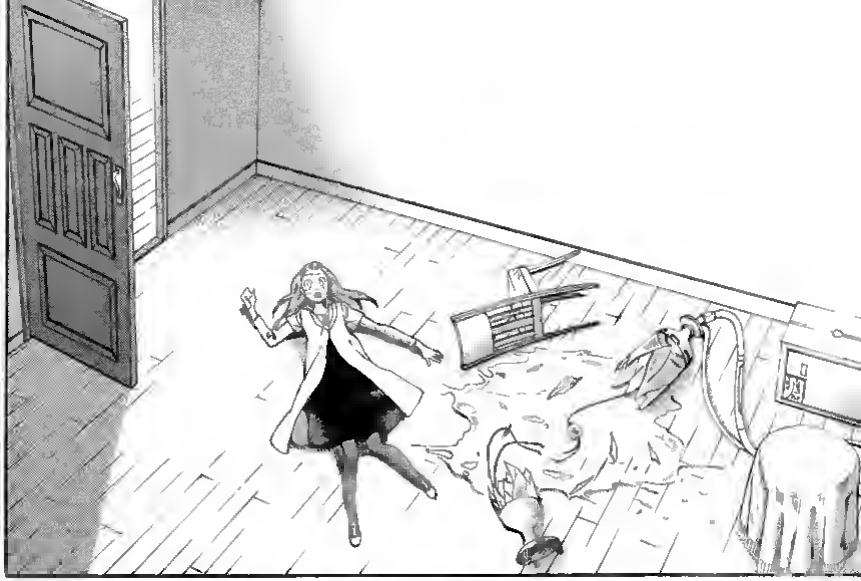
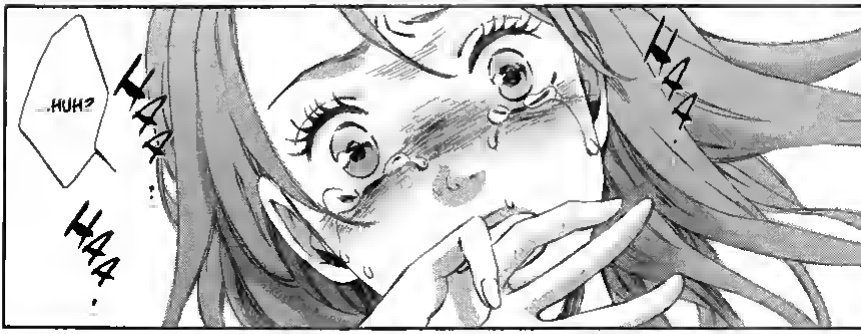
SLAM
This is the end...

ALINA...!!
ALINA...!
ALINAAAA!
ALINA!!
I'LL GET YOU TO A HOSPITAL...!
JUST HANG IN THERE!

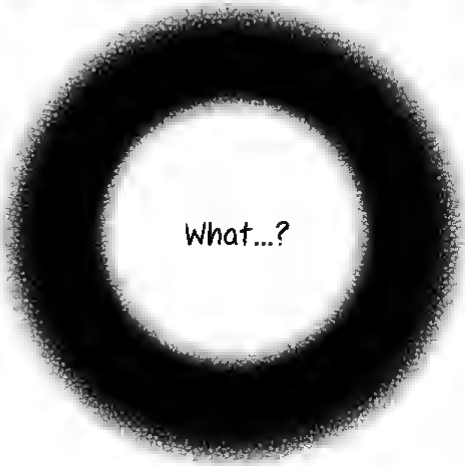
YOU COVERED FOR ME...!?
YOU DUMMY!! YOU.
GOOD... YOU'RE OK, LOUIE..
ALINA!!
..HUH..?
LOUIE. YOUR TEARS ARE JUST AS WARM...
HEY...
IT'S LOUIE...
WARM...
RIGHT?
So... live...
Live, Louie...
I.. LOVE YOU..
LOU IE...

I love you——…
ALINA!!
SHATTER
BLINK




HUH?
HAA...
HAA.
HAA.

beep


What...?

CRACK!
Did you...
show me that?
ALI... NA?
WHAT IS THIS...!?
!!

Sion!!
PUSH
!!
GOOO..
IT'S FINE..
..DID YOU DO THIS...?

TOUCH
!!
YOU TRYING SOMETHING LIKE THIS..
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO STOP HIM..
!
IT'S A PROBLEM..

His heart... is so shrouded and distant...
as if it were at the bottom of the ocean...
I THOUGHT THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY..
THAT IF IT WAS GONE, THEN..
Because my voice won't reach Louie ...
YOU REALLY ARE AN ODDBALL..
STOP HIM?
DIDN'T HE MAKE ONE FOR YOU TOO?
THAT'S WHY I UNDER-STAND...

BUT... THAT DIDN'T SAVE ME.
THE MERI-CLONES HAVE STARTED TO DETERIORATE.
AND HE JUST ABANDONED THEM...
HE'S TOO IRRESPON-SIBLE..
YOU'RE CRAZY!
YOU AND LOUIE BOTH...
So Alina could be brought back.
DOING THIS DOESN'T SAVE ANYONE..
Hah!
HA ha ha ha
Ha ha
!
HA HA HA Ha

I
JUST WANT TO WATCH
HIM SUFFER!!
Huh...?
YOU
WHAT'S SO FUNNY!?
HAVE IT ALL WRONG..
CAN YOU IMAGINE THE STAIN ON MY NAME BECAUSE OF WHAT HE DID!?
HE TOOK EVERYTHING FROM ME...!

WHEN ALINA BECAME MY FIANCÉE,
I WAS GOING TO FORGIVE HIM...
BUT
GRR...
THEN HE...
SO
I DECIDED TO MAKE HIM PAY FOR IT.
I WON'T ALLOW HIM TO DIE.
I'LL KEEP BRINGING HIM BACK AS A MERICLONE,
SO THAT HIS ATONEMENT WILL BE UNENDING
SO..

YOU INTERFERING IS A PROBLEM.
RAISE...
THOUGH MAKING HIM WATCH YOU DIE
WILL BE QUITE THE SHOW.
THAT'S RIGHT. I'LL PAINT YOU RED.
JUST LIKE ALINA WAS.
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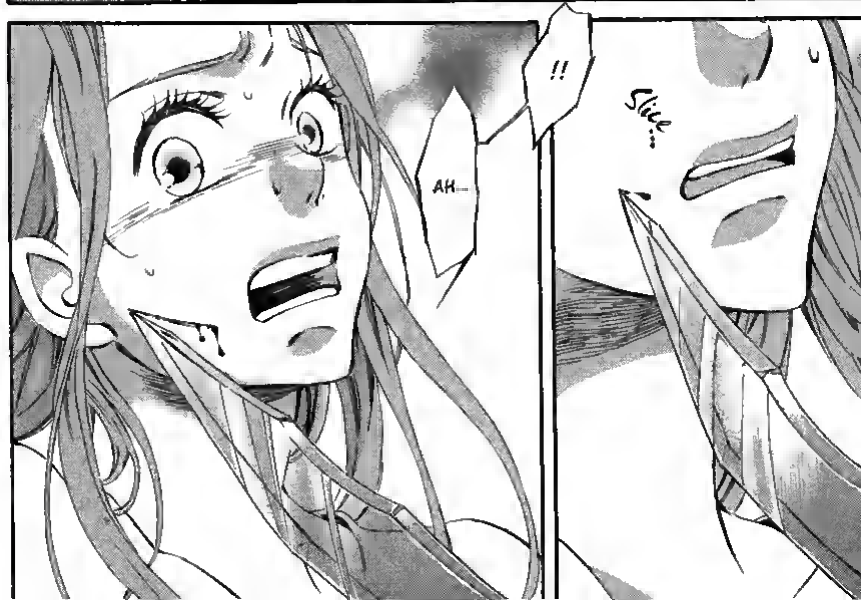
I'LL PAINT YOU RED,
THAT'S RIGHT.


AH—
!!
Slick...

I...
I have to get away..!
AH..
AH...
AH..!
I WON'T LET YOU ESCAPE
ドン

NOOOOOO!!
YOU THINK YOU CAN RUN AWAY?
THUD
CLATTER
CRASH

AH...!
WHAT'S THAT...?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
SWIPE
IS NOW THE TIME FOR THAT?
OR HAVE YOU JUST GIVEN UP?
DASH
I have to go ...!!!

PUSH
tap
WHAT?
WAIT ...!!
CRASH
SPLAT...
Tch

OW..
JUMP
OWWW..
I..
I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE..!!
What's wrong with that guy..?
He isn't normal!!
...ah.
That's right, this thing..
WHAT IS IT ..?
FLIP
I wonder if I should read it...

What... is this?
..HUH?
AH!?
JUMP
CAUGHT YOU!
RIKKI
RIKI-DOU-ZAN!!
NOT RIKKI, RIKIDOUZAN!!
FINE, RIKIDOUZAN!! DO YOU KNOW WHERE LOUIE WENT!?
Man, I thought it was a dog or something
HUH? IT'S YOU, SIS?
RIKKI —!!
A dog!? Isn't that a bug net!??

THERE'S SOMEWHERE HE ALWAYS GOES TO BE ALONE
WHAT!? REALLY?
MAYBE ..?
LOUIE'S SECRET PLACE

W—
WAIT A SEC!!
CREAK
YEAH, HERE.
H— HERE!?
I WONDER IF HE'S HERE...
CREAK
LOUIE—
AH, HE'S HERE!

WHAT IS IT?
WHY'RE YOU HERE?
SHE SAID SHE HAD TO SEE YOU NO MATTER WHAT!
HUH?
AH...
HUH!?
Wait, I never said that!
but I didn't have a choice
I didn't want to

HUH?
AH..
WHAT BRINGS YOU ALL THE WAY OUT HERE?
SO,
HUH..
UM...
That's right, back then.
HUH?
OH.
HOW DID YOU GET THAT CUT?
S.
SION..
DID IT..
AH—
NO, NOT ONE OF THEM—
WAS IT ONE OF THE CLIENTS?

BE...
BECAUSE I TRIED TO DESTROY ALINA...!
WHAT...
DID YOU SAY?
YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT?
I... I DIDN'T...!!
YOU...
YOU DESTROYED THAT? ALINA!?

IT WAS FINE... THE CHIP DIDN'T BREAK...
THAT'S WHAT SION SAID...
WHY!? WHY WOULD YOU GO THAT FAR TO STOP ME!?
DO YOU DETEST ME THAT MUCH!?
IS THAT WHAT YOU MEANT WHEN YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO WATCH ME UNTIL THE END!?

NO...!! THAT'S NOT IT...!!
THEN WHY!?
BECAUSE YOU CALLED THEM EXPERIMENTS

YOU CALLED THE MERICLONES EXPERIMENTS AND ABANDONED THEM!!
FOR ALINA!!
LIKE THEY WERE NOTHING BUT TRASH ..!!
I DIDN'T WANT TO WATCH ANYMORE...
I DIDN'T CARE WHAT IT TOOK...
I DIDN'T CARE IF YOU HATED ME...
I WANTED TO SET YOU FREE FROM THE SIN YOU CARRY...!!

and bring about an even deeper sadness than before
A frail heart and a wounded heart meet
HEY, LOUIE
STOP MAKING MERICLONES ALREADY...
HEY, LOUIE
I WANT YOU TO LOOK AT THIS
AND THIS FELL OUT OF IT..
THE PICTURE OF ALINA IN YOUR ROOM BROKE,

I'M SORRY, I LOOKED AT IT
IT SEEMS LIKE A LETTER...
GRAB
WH
GREAK
!?

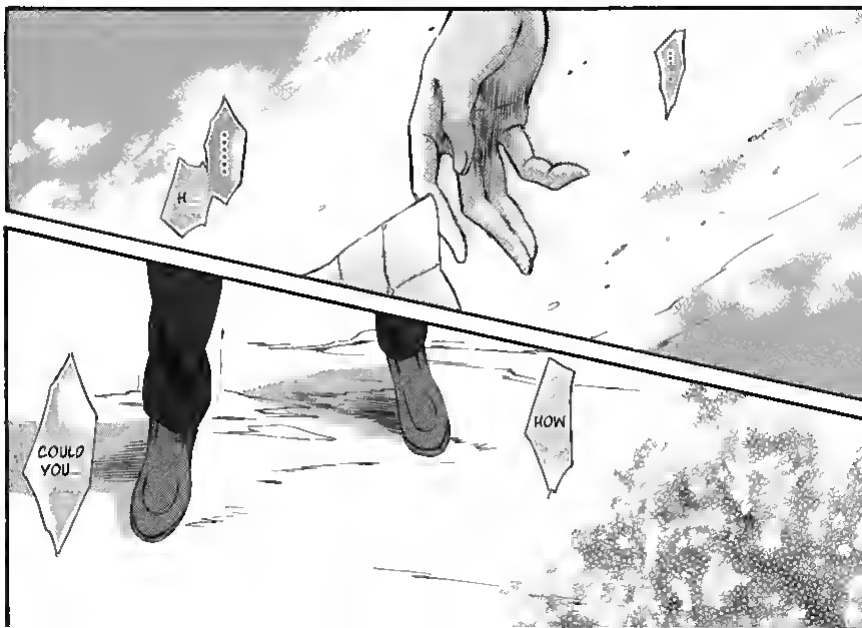
...SION!!
FOUND YOU.
OH? SO YOU'RE HERE, BROTHER.
I WAS WONDERING WHERE THE TWO OF YOU WENT OFF TO...
HUH... A CHURCH...
IT'S A GOOD FIT FOR A SINNER LIKE YOU

SION THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU.
.....
WHAT?
.....
IS IT TRUE?
?
IS IT TRUE...!?
IS ALINA'S BODY GONE...!?

WHAT'S THAT?
A LETTER...
RAISE
WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?
A LETTER TO ME FROM THE ONE BEFORE ME,
THE FIFTH LOUIE.
IT'S WRITTEN RIGHT HERE
AND THAT YOU WERE FIXING IT SO THAT THE SIXTH ME
THAT YOU GAVE ALINA'S BODY TO THE SEA A LONG TIME AGO...
DIDN'T INHERIT THE MEMORY OF THAT TRUTH...

TO THE SIXTH YOU——
YOU'RE ALSO REMOVING SOME MEMORIES ABOUT MERICLONES,
SO I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO CREATE PERFECT ONES!
AND YET,
YOU'LL CHOOSE TO KEEP ON LIVING, WON'T YOU?
HA ha…
ha ha
SION!? WHAT IS THIS!?
IS THIS TRUE…!?

SO YOU'VE FOUND ME OUT?


H...
COULD YOU...
HOW

THE LAST ONE REACTED THE SAME WAY.
AH, WHAT A GREAT REACTION

WHY...?
he he he he
THAT'S A MERICLONE FOR YOU

IT'S BECAUSE I DETESTED YOU.
THAT'S EASY.
THEN WHY DID YOU TELL ME TO MAKE ALINA?

YOU HAD EVERYTHING I WANTED.
I'VE LIVED IN YOUR SHADOW EVER SINCE I WAS BORN.

YOU STOLE HER RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES.
EVEN THE ONE THING THAT WAS MINE— MY FIANCÉE ALINA.

AND THEN THE DAY YOU LET ALINA DIE,
YOU TOLD HER FATHER THAT YOU WANTED TO MAKE A MERICLONE OF HER
HE AGREED, BUT...
I REFUSED.
I DIDN'T WANT HER TO BECOME A GUINEA PIG LIKE YOU
BUT I ALSO THOUGHT OF THIS.
THAT I...
COULD USE THIS...

I GAVE HER BODY TO THE SEA WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT.
RIGHT AFTER THAT, ALINA'S FATHER CONVENIENTLY GOT SICK AND DIED.
AND IN THE NAME OF ATONEMENT,
YOU TOOK UP THE CRAFT OF MAKING MERICLONES.
THAT I COULD MAKE YOU REPENT
FOR AN ETERNITY...
BROTHER - HOW YOU SCRAMBLED TO DO AS I SAID

YOU UNDERSTAND, RIGHT? I DON'T WANT IT TO TURN OUT LIKE YOU, MAKING HER OVER AND OVER
UNTIL YOU COMPLETE 100 PERFECT MERICLONES
I WON'T ALLOW ANY FAILURES
I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO MAKE ALINA'S MERICLONE
WELL, I DID FIX IT SO YOU COULDN'T SUCCEED
He shouldn't... have it thrown at him like this !
L—LET'S GO HOME! OK!?
LOUIE !!
This is cruel..!
BUT YOU GOT CLOSE THIS TIME
It'll break him...!!
ALINA WASN'T HERE FROM THE START.

LOUIE!! HANG IN THERE!! LOUIE!!
THUNK
AAAAAAA!!

CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
drop
SAK
SAK
SAK
CLARE
LOUIE ...!!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?
HA HA ha ha
WONDER-FUL! IT'S A MASTER-PIECE!!
WHAT A GREAT CLIMAX!!

LOUIE!!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, OK!?
LOUIE! PULL IT TOGETHER!!
GET UP, LOUIE!!
JUST LEAVE HIM BE.
HE DOESN'T HAVE THE WILL TO LIVE.

GET UP...!!
GET UP, LOUIE...!!
HE WAS LIVING FOR ALINA,
AND THAT'S ALL GONE NOW.
He he he
WHY...
WHY AM I ALIVE?
Crackle
THERE'S NO POINT TO ME LIVING ANYMORE...
NO VALUE IN IT
Crackle
Crackle

LISTEN TO YOURSELF!!
ALINA SAID SHE WANTED YOU TO LIVE, DIDN'T SHE!?
WHAT ...?
WHEN I TRIED TO BREAK ALINA,
HER MEMORIES CAME FLOODING INTO ME
MAYBE IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE,
BUT I'M SURE THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED

EVEN AT THE VERY END, SHE WANTED...
YOU TO LIVE...!!
GET UP, LOUIE!!
MAKE YOUR OWN CHOICE AND STAND UP
ON YOUR OWN TWO FEET!!

Hey,
Louie...

Daesn't remembering her
keep her alive...?

Even if it's hard, even if it's sad...

LOUIE!!
SION...?
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK

SION
!!

Thus the curtoin closed on one sad story...

I con't help but think that.

Looking back, it's like he wos there with Aiino ond took oli of Louie's sins with him...

The smile on his face at the end is even now burned into my eyes, and I can't forget it.

GO WHERE!?
WELL, FIRST WE'LL VISIT ALL THE MERI-CLONES
AFTER THAT, RENT A NEW HOUSE...
AND I WANT TO FIND A SCHOOL FOR RIKKI, TOO.
IT'S RIKIDOU-ZAN!!
...HAVE TO CHANGE HIS NAME, TOO...

BUT WHY'RE YOU COMING ALONG?
I'M YOUR ACCOMPLICE.
I MADE A MERICLONE, TOO.
AND I'VE SAID IT BEFORE.

I'LL WATCH YOU
UNTIL THE END.
That means
watching you live.

Mericlones,
they're onother someone else, onother me——...
HEY!! WERE YOU LISTEN-ING!?
!!!
OH, YOUR HAIR.. IT LOOKS GOOD ON YOU.
WAIT, YOU JUST NOTICED !?
so we're going to go on living as individuals.
But there really is no substitute for a person,
That we might join hands with someone... and never let go...
Final / End

メリクロンの涙

あとがき

どうも
こんにちは!!
和泉です。

この度は
コミックス お買い上げ
頂き ありがとう
ございました!!

そうこうや
先日の話…
私の出身地徳島県にて
開催された
「マイ☆ヲリビ」という
イベントにて
県人作家としてお招き頂き
複製原画を
数点展示して
頂きました。

ありがたや

徳島

…で
地元だしこういうの
親が喜ぶかなと
思って報告したの
ですが…
予想以上に
テンション上げて
しまって…!!
危険を感じた私は一応…

いやあのでも
ほんまスミマセン
のちほどから
ほんま

うんよ
うんよ

念を
おしておきました。

お母さんの
お願いやから
「私 母です♡♡」とか
見ず知らずの人に
言わんといてな?

マジ
はずいから。ー

あなたも
私もしんどいから別に自
私自身こそ
ないんだから

えくっそんなん
言わんよくっ♪
わかってるよくっ♪

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あっ あと前巻のネットサイン会参加して下さった方々有難うございました♡♡♡
これからもっと頑張っていこうと思ってますので応援よろしくとお願い致します

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